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SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB) EXPERTS GROUP

REF: USUN 455 NOTAL); STATE 021277 (NOTAL)

1. SECRETARIAT APPEARS TO BE NEARING THE END OF ITS EFFORT TO

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CONSITUTE THE EXPERTS GROUP FOR ROB STUDY, AND IS NOW WAITING

ONLY FOR OFFICIAL RESPONSES FROM US, UK, FRANCE, AND JAPAN. IT NO LONGER EXPECTS EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION AND WILL NOT NOW SEEK A THIRD AFRICAN, NOR WILL IT SEEK A THIRD ASIAN.

2. COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOW ACCEPTED ARE AS FOLLOWS, WITH NAMES OF EXPERTS WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN NOMINATED: USSR(A.B. BUKIN, CHIEF OF BUDGET SECTOR, FINANCE INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF FINANCE); CZECHOSLOVAKIA (LADISLAV MATEJKA, WHO IN 1972 WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL ECONOMY AND SERVED ON ESCAR GROUP THEN); YUGOSLAVIA (FILIPOVIC, DIRECTOR OF DISARMAMENT DIVISION, FOREIGN MINISTRY); PERU (JOSE ANTONIO ENCINAS, FORMERLY AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA); MEXICO (PROF. PLACIDO GARCIA REYNOSO); SWEDEN (USANDER, A PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY WITH FINANCE AND DEFENSE DEPT. EXPERIENCE); INDIA (NO NAME AVAILABLE YET); ETHIOPIA (AMBASSADOR TO U.S. EIFLE WODAJU) ; NIGERIA (DEFENSE ATTACHE AISIDA, WASHINGTON); BELGIUM HAS ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BUT IS STILL SEEKING AN EXPERT.

3. SECRETARIAT IS SENDING OUT LETTERS TO EXPERTS ALREADY SELECTED ADVISING THEM OF PRESENT WORKING ASSUMPTION THAT FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 4-8 BUT STRESSING THAT THIS IS NOT YET FIRM. SECRETARIAT HAS URGED US THIS WEEK BOTH AT AMBASSADORIAL AND WORKING LEVEL TO GIVE OUR REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND CLEARLY WOULD BE UNCOMFORTABLE EITHER WITH DELAY BEYOND MARCH 4 OR WITH CONVENING THE GROUP IF ANY OF THE MAJOR COUNTRIES STILL UNDECIDED HAVE NOT REPLIED.

4. USUN HAS NOW COMPLETED CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER WEO COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT FILL A GAP LEFT BY FRANCE (OR BELGIUM, IF IT HAS DIFFICULTIES FINDING A SUITABLE CANDIDATE). AUSTRALIAN MISSION HAS INQUIRED WITH CANBERRA AND RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT GOA IS NOT INTERESTED. NORWEGIAN MISSION PROMISED TO CHECK WITH OSLO BUT HAD SAME MISGIVINGS DENMARK DID ABOUT SERVING ON A BODY WHERE ANOTHER NORDIC ALREADY PRESENT. DUTCH MISSION DOUBTED ITS GOVERNMENT WOULD RECONSIDER BUT SUGGESTED AN APPROACH BY AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE IF WE WISHED TO PRESS THE MATTER.

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